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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of: )  
Richard L. Palinkas ) Ex: B. Pezzlo  
Title: SIDE BEARING PAD ) Group Art Unit: 3613  
Serial No.: 09/407,053 )  
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Hartford, Connecticut, January 22, 2001

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated October 31, 2000, please amend  
the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Claim 1

1. (Amended) A bearing pad assembly comprising:  
a first housing having an exterior surface and defining a bore  
extending at least part-way through said first housing;  
a first load bearing member coupled to said first housing, and defining